

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A fly fishing rod comprising a rod shaft having a tip end and a proximal end; a handgrip ~~disposed~~ mounted to the rod shaft, proximate to the proximal end of said rod shaft, said rod shaft having a rear portion extending past said handgrip ~~for allowing a reel to be removably mounted thereto, rearwardly from said handgrip;~~

a sleeve like adapter secured over said rear portion, said adapter being formed with an engaging locking means, the sleeve like adapter having an outer face with a diameter d1 at a first end, proximate to the proximal end of the rod shaft; and

~~a hollow cylindrical reel seat having a peripheral wall with an outer face and an inner face opposed to the outer face and, the reel seat defining a cavity therein, the outer face including a reel seat for mounting a reel to the outer face and being securable to the outer face of the reel seat, over the cavity, the cavity having a diameter d2 wider than the diameter d1 allowing said adapter to be slidably inserted into said cavity by first inserting the first end of said adapter, said hollow cylinder reel seat having an engageable member engageable with said engaging locking means when sliding the reel seat hollow cylinder over the adapter for releasably securing said reel seat hollow cylinder to said adapter and the reel seat hollow cylinder being removable from the adapter as a single unit with the reel mounted to the reel seat by disengaging said engageable member from said engaging locking means, thereby allowing said reel and said reel seat hollow cylinder to be mounted to and dismounted from said adapter secured over said rod shaft.~~

2. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein said engageable member comprises a stud extending inwardly from the inner face of the peripheral wall into the cavity of said hollow cylindrical reel seat.

3. (previously presented) The fly fishing rod according to claim 2, wherein said engaging locking means of said adapter is in the form of a groove shaped to receive said stud.

4. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 3, wherein said groove has a L-shape with a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when slidably engaging said ~~reel-seat~~hollow cylinder over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said ~~hollow cylinder~~reel seat is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said ~~hollow cylinder~~reel seat to said adapter, securing the ~~hollow cylinder~~reel seat in a single predetermined position on the rod shaft.

5. (original) The fly fishing rod according to claim 4, wherein said transversal portion is adapted to lock said stud therein by friction means.

6. (currently amended) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, which the ~~reel seat~~hollow cylinder comprises handle means extending outwardly from the outer face for rotating the ~~hollow cylinder~~ for locking or unlocking the ~~reel seat~~hollow cylinder to said adapter and manipulating it when removed from the rod shaft.

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A kit for mounting a reel to a fly fishing rod having a rod shaft, comprising:

a sleeve-like adapter securable over the rod shaft and having an engaging locking means, the sleeve-like adapter having an outer face with a diameter d1 at a first end; and

~~a reel seat~~hollow cylinder having a peripheral wall with an outer face, the peripheral wall defining a cavity, the cavity having a diameter d2 wider than the diameter d1, the sleeve-like adapter being slidably insertable into the cavity of the ~~reel seat~~hollow cylinder by first inserting the first end of the adapter into the cavity, the ~~reel seat~~hollow cylinder having an engageable member engaging the engageable locking means when sliding the ~~reel seat~~hollow cylinder over the adapter, the ~~reel seat~~ having an outer face,

the outer face of the reel-seathollow cylinder having reel fasteners for removably securing the reel thereto over the cavity.

11. (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 10, wherein the engageable member comprises a stud extending inwardly into the cavity of the reel-seathollow cylinder.

13. (previously presented) A kit according to claim 12, wherein the engaging locking means of said adapter comprises a groove shaped to receive said stud.

14. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 13, wherein said groove is L-shape and has a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when sliding said hollow cylinderreel seat over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said hollow cylinderreel seat is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said hollow cylinderreel seat to said adapter, securing the hollow cylinderreel seat in a single predetermined position on the rod shaft.

15. (previously presented) A kit according to claim 14, wherein said transversal portion is adapted to lock said stud therein by friction means.

16. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 10, which comprises handle means extending outwardly from said reel-seathollow cylinder for rotating the latter hollow cylinder for locking or unlocking the reel-seathollow cylinder to said adapter and manipulating it when removed from the rod shaft.

17. (currently amended) A kit according to claim 16, wherein said handle means is wing shaped and laterally positioned relatively to said rod shaft when the reel-seathollow cylinder is mounted thereto.

18. (canceled)

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the reel is removably securable to the outer face of the reel-seathollow cylinder, over the cavity.

22. (previously presented) The fly fishing rod according to claim 1, wherein the adapter entirely covers the rear portion and the proximal end of the rod shaft.

23. (canceled)

24. (new) A fly fishing rod comprising a rod shaft having a tip end and a proximal end; a handgrip disposed proximate to the proximal end of said rod shaft, said rod shaft having a rear portion extending past said handgrip for allowing a reel to be removably mounted thereto, rearwardly from said handgrip;

a sleeve like adapter secured over said rear portion, said adapter being formed with an engaging locking means, the sleeve like adapter having an outer face with a diameter d_1 at a first end, proximate to the proximal end of the rod shaft; and

a hollow cylindrical reel seat having an outer face, the reel seat defining a cavity therein, the reel being securable to the outer face of the reel seat, over the cavity, the cavity having a diameter d_2 wider than the diameter d_1 allowing said adapter to be slidably inserted into said cavity by first inserting the first end of said adapter, said reel seat having an engageable member engageable with said engaging locking means when sliding the reel seat over the adapter for releasably securing said reel seat to said adapter and the reel seat being removable from the adapter as a single unit with the reel by disengaging said engageable member from said engaging locking means, thereby allowing said reel and said reel seat to be mounted to and dismounted from said adapter secured over said rod shaft, said engageable member including a stud extending inwardly into the cavity of said cylindrical reel seat and said engaging locking means of said adapter being in the form of a groove shaped to receive said stud, said groove having a L-shape with a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when slidingly engaging said reel seat over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said reel seat is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said reel seat to said adapter, securing the reel seat in a single predetermined position on the rod shaft.

25. (new) A kit for mounting a reel to a fly fishing rod having a rod shaft, comprising:

a sleeve-like adapter securable over the rod shaft and having an engaging locking means, the sleeve-like adapter having an outer face with a diameter d_1 at a first end; and

a reel seat defining a cavity, the cavity having a diameter d_2 wider than the diameter d_1 , the sleeve-like adapter being slidably insertable into the cavity of the reel seat by first inserting the first end of the adapter into the cavity, the reel seat having an engageable member engaging the engageable locking means when sliding the reel seat over the adapter, the reel seat having an outer face, the outer face of the reel seat having reel fasteners for removably securing the reel thereto over the cavity, the engageable member including a stud extending inwardly into the cavity of the reel seat and the engaging locking means of said adapter including a groove shaped to receive said stud, said groove being L-shape and having a longitudinal portion followed by a transversal portion, so that when sliding said reel seat over said sleeve like adapter said stud advances through said longitudinal portion until reaching said transversal portion when said reel seat is rotated to cause said stud to engage said transversal portion thereby locking said reel seat to said adapter, securing the reel seat in a single predetermined position on the rod shaft.